

2. The Insurance Reorganisation Committee has also suggested that Pilot Schemes under Agriculture and Cattle Insurance should be initiated in co-operation with the Departments of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry of the State and Meteorological Department of the Centre. Propaganda and advertisement is an essential part of insurance business and the Reorganisation Committee has therefore suggested that the present state of propaganda and advertisement obtaining in the Department should be bettered and improved. There is great scope for improvement in the field of Official Branch Insurance also by conducting systematic and wide-spread inspection of the unit offices with a view to seeing that all officials who have to insure under the rules have received adequate coverage.

3. There is, therefore, an imperative need to reorganise the field work of the Department on the lines suggested above and to entrust this work to a separate officer holding a senior duty post, who may be designated as Joint Secretary, Mysore Government Insurance Department. It is accordingly directed that the post of a Joint Secretary, Mysore Government Insurance Department be created and the officer holding it entrusted with the following items of work:—

- (1) Sole charge of new business activities.
- (2) Agency organisation.
- (3) Preliminary work for initiating Pilot Schemes under Agriculture and Cattle Insurance.
- (4) Field work connected with the insurance of lives of Government Servants including wide-spread inspection of unit offices.
- (5) Propaganda and advertisement of the business of the Insurance Department.
- (6) Any other work to be entrusted by the General Manager, from time to time.

4. Orders will issue separately regarding the posting of an officer.

5. Sanction is also accorded for additional posts of a Daffedar and two Dalayets on the usual scales of pay in the Department for the Joint Secretary.

B. M. KRISHNAN,
Secretary to Government,
Education Department.

Reviews the Administration Report of the Government Stationery Depot for the year 1952-53.

READ—

Letter No. S. 1280, dated 21st July 1953, from the Director of Stationery and Printing Bangalore, submitting the report on the working of the Government Stationery Depot for the Year 1952-53.

ORDER NO. M. 11244-46—P. & S. 14-53-2, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 24TH OCTOBER 1953.

1. Recorded.

2. Sri B. Krishnaswamy Chetty continued to be in charge of the Office throughout the year.

3. *Value of Stock*.—The value of the opening balance of stock at the beginning of the year was Rs. 3,14,848, as against Rs. 1,19,857 in the previous year. New stocks of the value of Rs. 10,86,767 were added, making a total of Rs. 14,01,615 as against Rs. 11,45,781 in the previous year.

The value of issues to several Offices during the year amounted to Rs. 10,59,108 as against Rs. 8,30,933 in the previous year leaving a balance of Rs. 3,42,507 at the end of the year as against Rs. 3,14,848 in the previous year.

4. *Realisation from Paying Departments*.—The total demand for the cost of stationery and paper supplied to several paying departments during the year including half the cost of paper supplied for printing the forms and registers of Municipalities and Local Bodies amounted to Rs. 5,62,842 as against Rs. 5,88,455 in the previous year. Against this demand a sum of Rs. 3,09,109 was realised and the recovery of a sum of Rs. 388 was waived as per Government Order No. M. 21585-7—P. & S. 68-51-2, dated 18th March 1952, leaving a balance of Rs. 2,52,957 yet to be realised. The balance outstanding is very heavy and efforts should be made to realise the balance amount early.

5. *Purchase*.—The purchase of stationery articles, printing and writing papers and mill boards was made through the Stores Purchase Committee as usual. The value of purchases made in respect of both stationery articles and printing and writing papers, through the Stores Purchase Committee, amounted to Rs. 10,85,199 as against Rs. 9,85,028 in the previous year.

6. The expenditure on establishment, etc., during the year was Rs. 28,021 as against Rs. 23,516 in the previous year.

The submission of annual stock verification report as on 1st April 1953 should be expedited.

7. *Important Measures*.—The restoration of economy cut in respect of seven items of writing and duplicating paper was continued during the year.

The work of the Stationery Depot continued to be satisfactory.

B. M. KRISHNAN,

Secretary to Government,

Education Department.

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING SECRETARIAT.

Issuing general instructions for the utilisation of A. D. C. Funds on works other than housing with a view to enlarge the scope of work of the uplift of Depressed Classes.

READ—

Government Order No. L.B. 425-46—A.D.C. 25-47-78, dated 16th July 1948, specifying the purposes for which the grants for the amelioration of the Depressed Classes may be used.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. R6.C. 27—53-54, dated 16th June 1953, from the Commissioner for Local Self-Government in Mysore, Bangalore, suggesting a revision of the orders.

3. G.O. No. L.B. 7105-17—A.D.C. 16-53-14, dated 14th September 1953, making available a sum of Rs. 1.50 lakhs for utilisation for the construction and payment of grant-in-aid for Depressed Class hostels in the State.

ORDER No. L.B. 9674-9693—A.D.C. 16-53-20, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 30TH OCTOBER 1953.

The Commissioner for Local Self-Government has reported that the restriction imposed in the order of 16th July 1948 that the grants for the amelioration of Depressed Classes should be spent only on the acquisition of Lands for grant of free house sites and grants towards construction of houses by members of these classes, has retarded the progress of the members of these classes in other fields notably in education, agriculture and cottage industries, and that there is a great need to make more rapid progress in these fields also, as the percentage of general literacy among these classes is poor, as also the number of persons taking to independent avocations. He suggests that sufficiently large grants be provided for undertaking uplift work in the fields of education, agriculture, veterinary and animal husbandry and cottage industries. The proposals of the Commissioner for Local Self-Government were referred to the Central Depressed Class Policy Committee who are in general agreement with them, except that some members felt that provision should be made for building hostels for students of Depressed Classes in District and Taluk headquarters.

Government agree that there is a need now to enlarge the scope of work of the uplift of the Depressed Classes. The following general instructions are issued about the work to be undertaken.

Education.—The amount provided for expenditure under this head for 1953-54 will be Rupees two lakhs (including the sum provided for construction of hostel buildings). Out of this a sum of Rs. 30,000 may be set apart for the grant of scholarships for technical training in industrial institutions and for training in the Occupational and Technological Institutes to students. The grants may be made by a small committee consisting of non-official gentlemen belonging to the Depressed Classes with one or two officers belonging to the institutions concerned. The Committee may be constituted by the Commissioner for Local Self-Government.